



DISASTER NEWS

Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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SBA Disaster Loan Deadline is June 21 ***Small Business owners still have time to apply***

Hato Rey, PR - The U.S. Small Business Administration reminds small businesses affected with damage resulting from Tropical Storm Jeanne occurring from September 14 through September 19 that the filing deadline for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) is June 21, 2005.

SBA's EIDLs are still available to small businesses unable to pay bills or meet operating expenses because of the disaster. Eligible small businesses may qualify for loans up to \$1.5 million. These loans are available at a 2.90 percent interest rate with loan terms up to 30 years, and are limited to those small businesses that cannot recover through their own financial resources.

As a result of the Presidential declaration, small businesses in the primary municipalities of Aguada, Aguadilla, Aguas Buenas, Aibonito, Afiasco, Arecibo, Arroyo, Barceloneta, Barranquitas, Bayamon, Caguas, Camay, Canovanas, Carolina, Catano, Cayey, Ceiba, Cieles, Cidra, Coamo, Comerio, Corozal, Dorado, Fajardo, Florida, Guayama, Gurabo, Hatillo, Humacao, Isabela, Juana Dias, Juncos, Lares, Las Piedras, Loiza, Manati, Maunabo, Moca, Morovis, Naguabo, Naranjito, Orocovis, Patillas, Quebradillas, Rincon, Rio Grande, Salinas, San Lorenzo, San Sebastian, Santa Isabel, Toa Alta, Toa Baja, Utuado, Vega Alta, Vega Baja, Vieques, Villalba and Yabucoa as well as the contiguous municipalities of Adjuntas, Guaynabo, Jayuya, Las Marias, Luquillo, Maricao, Mayaguez, Ponce, San Juan, Trujillo Alto and Yauco in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are eligible to apply for working capital loans to offset their disaster related needs.

Interested business owners should contact the SBA Disaster Area 3 Office at 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76155, or call **1-800-366-6303** for more information or to obtain an application. The hearing-impaired may call SBA via the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at **1-817-267-4688**. Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than June 21, 2005.

For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster

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